

THE DIDSBURY REVIEW



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Petition reaches 1500 signatures

by Tamara Collins

The Taxpayers Association from Mountain View County (MVTA) in Didsbury are closer to reaching their goal of a cheaper County Administrative building. With over 1500 signatures on their petition, they now have enough signatures to make the petition legal.

"We have passed the legal limit, and we are still going strong," said Henry Kuelker, spokesperson for the Taxpayers Association.

The petition has been circulating the County since November 12, and the MVTA have 60 days in total to complete it.

"The population is very angry about this new county building," said Kuelker. "They tell me everyday when I am out."

Approximately 40 people are out in the evenings, going door to door, collecting signatures for the petition.

"Less than 10% of the people will not sign," said Kuelker. "It just goes to show people are not in touch with the feelings of the tax payers, there are few people who want this new building."

Those people out collecting petitions door to door are even out farm to farm in the rural areas.

"These people are out using their own time and gas," said Kuelker. "We are much more than a small interest

group, we have a very large following."

If the petition is seen as legal, the MVTA, will get a plebiscite, and this plebiscite could hold off building until the next election.

"We are not trying to stop the building from being built," said Kuelker. "It is too late for that. We just want it built for under \$1.5 million."

The present estimated cost for the new building is between \$4.4 and \$4.8 million, and renovations to the old building were estimated to be between \$3.5 and \$3.9 million.

Arnie Shea, of the MVTA, recently attended the opening of the Clearwater County Office renovation and addition. According to Shea, the cost of the renovations and additions were \$570,000.

"They added approximately 1500 square feet for a new chamber and gallery," said Shea. "There is a people elevator that cost \$200,000 and is included in the total cost of the project."

Shea agrees with a comment Kuelker made, that something went terribly wrong when the renovation estimates for our County building were presented to the taxpayers of the County.

"Kuelker may be right," said Shea. "\$1.5 million may be too much for renovations to the old building."

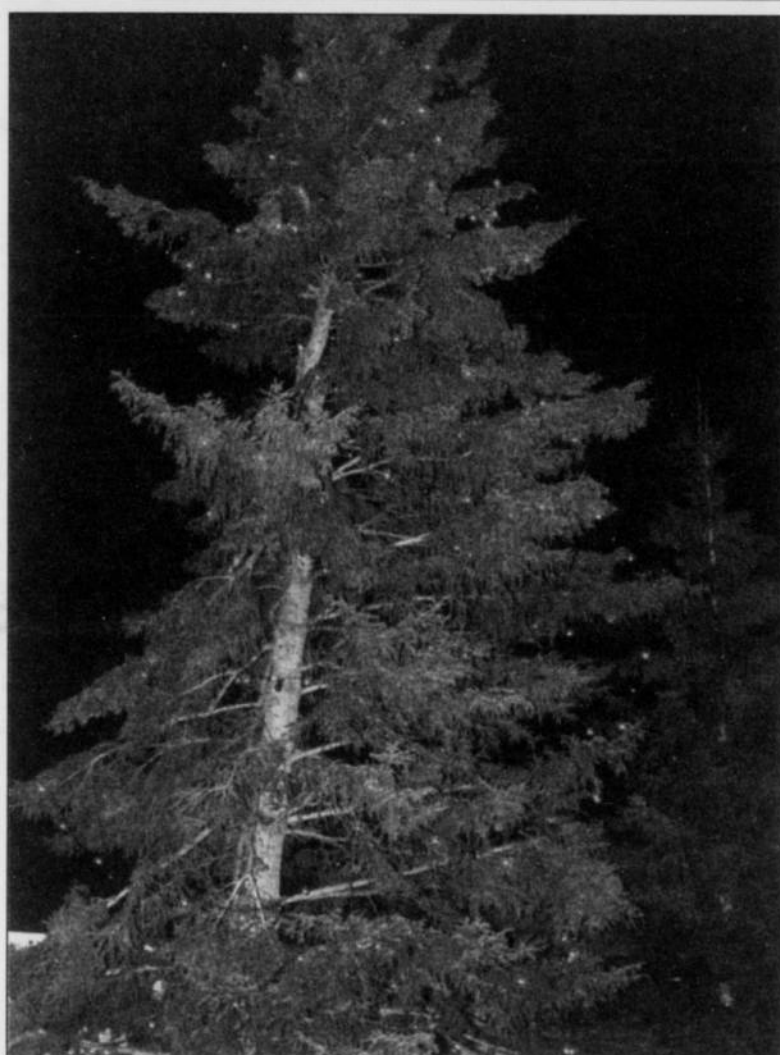


photo by Tamara Collins

The Tree of Hope lighting was Sunday night. Almost \$3,000 was raised this year. Names wishing a greeting of hope filled three pages, and names in memory of filled 10. All the money raised goes to Palliative Care.

Crime in Didsbury on the rise

by Tamara Collins

Crime in Didsbury is on the increase according to statistics. The 2003 Mayor's Report was released at the last Town Council meeting, comparing this years crime to last years.

Break and enter on business premises, has increased from two in 2002, to 12 in 2003, increasing break and enters in total from 16 to 28.

Theft of motor vehicles has increased from five in 2002, to 13 in 2003. Theft under \$5000 went from 62 in 2002,

to 96 in 2003.

"With growth in an area, comes an increase in crime," said Didsbury RCMP Serg. Tonn. "The population going up in town, these numbers will also go up."

Another reason for the increase, according to Serg.

Tonn, could be due to crime sprees. For example vehicle break ins, the same people or person can break into a number of cars before they are caught, causing these numbers to soar.

"One person can be responsible for a lot of crime," said

Serg. Tonn. "A single person or a group of people can really run up numbers before they are caught."

With the increase of crime in town, people must become more aware of it and start taking the appropriate action.

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IN THE COURTS

Impaired driver damages police cruiser

Impaired driver damaged police cruiser

A man who damaged a police car after being arrested for impaired driving in September has been jailed.

Jeffrey Lightbown pleaded guilty on Dec. 1 to impaired operation and mischief caus-

ing property damage under \$5,000.

Lightbown was stopped on Sept. 28 after he drove through a red light in Olds, court heard.

Placed in the police car after being arrested for suspicion of impaired driving, the

accused proceeded to kick out the frame of the window in the car.

Judge Cioni ordered Lightbown jailed for 14 days, handed him an 18 month licence suspension, and ordered him to pay \$89 restitution.

Drunk driver had no headlights

A driving without headlights has been convicted of drunk driving. Loren Leroy Cannon, 51, pleaded guilty on Dec. 1 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

The accused was stopped on Nov. 7. His blood alcohol level was 160 mg per cent.

"This type of charge hits ordinary people. Take it seriously," said Judge Cioni.

The judge fined Cannon \$800 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

MLA Marz happy with Didsbury hospital move

by Dan Singleton

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz says he's pleased with the Dec. 1 transfer of the Didsbury Hospital and area from the David Thompson Health Region to the Calgary Health Region.

"I hope everything works out well in the future," said Marz. "The best way for that to happen is to let the Calgary health authority board do their job, and to allow the nurses and the staff at the hospital to do theirs, because that's all they want to do is to have a harmonious environment in which to work."

"My wish for the new year for the Didsbury hospital is one of success in delivering quality health care services in the area," he added.

The transfer, which occurred without incident on December 1st, was prompted by public petitions circulated in the Didsbury area starting last spring.

The petitions, in turn, prompted municipal councils in Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona and Mountain View County to call for the transfer.

Marz passed the municipal council requests to Health Minister Gary Mar, who announced the transfer in October.

"After approximately six months of meeting with the Minister of Health on a weekly basis, he agreed to make the move," said Marz.

Marz says he has been in contact with doctors, nurses and other

stakeholders regarding the Didsbury hospital since being elected to the riding in March 1997. He says those consultations will continue.

"I will consult with the elected councils of the area on a periodic basis to discuss any issues that may arise. If anyone has concerns I would invite them to call me directly," he said.

The Didsbury transfer will not unduly affect staffing levels at the 15 acute care bed Didsbury Health Centre, say CHR officials.

The cost of the transfer and the possible impact on the DTHR finances will be announced later, say officials.

Crime Continued from front page

"Everyone must be more vigilant and aware," said Serg. Tonn. "Call the police when things happen, not two days later."

Serg. Tonn suggested putting alarms on businesses, using proper lighting, and more secure locks.

"For years people have been so trusting," said Serg. Tonn. "Never locking cars or houses. They must realize that large crimes can be committed even in small towns."

The majority of vehicle break

ins and thefts have been due to the fact they have been left unlocked.

"Communication is appreci-

ated by the people," said Serg. Tonn. "Police can't do it without their help, they are the eyes and ears."

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Chinook's Edge declines in reserves

by Tamara Collins

Chinook's Edge School Division's (CESD) financial statements show an overall decline in reserves in 2003 compared to 2002.

The audited financial statements were presented to the CESD Board of Trustees on Nov. 26, 2003. Presented on them was the fact that on Aug. 31, 2002, operating and capital reserves totalled \$6.97 million, while on Aug. 31, 2003 they totalled \$4.8 million, decreasing \$2.1 million.

"One of the largest declines was in the instruction part of our budget. Nearly \$1.4 million in reserves was spent in the area of instruction," said Jim Gibbons, Superintendent, CESD. "What that means for our students is that classroom conditions are being addressed."

A budget in the Spring months is included in the annual financial cycle for Alberta school divisions. The budget is an estimate of what revenues will flow into the division for the coming year, as well as how the school division will spend its revenue and reserves. Aug. 31 is the annual financial year end.

The past school year, CESD's operating budget totalled approximately \$81 million. Revenue did not match up what was spent, so CESD tapped into its reserves in order to balance its budget. Some of the reserves are held centrally, and some in schools. Out of the \$2.5 million left in instruction reserves, \$273,643 is held centrally, and \$2,217,074 is held in school accounts.

"We are pleased to see how our financial statements were to what we had budgeted," said Susan Roy, CESD Treasurer. "This was a tight year for many schools, and we kept a very watchful eye on what was happening."

According to Roy, the division remains concerned about the specific areas of funding, specifically for plant operations and maintenance.

"Energy costs rose by 25% over the previous year and 97% over the past five years," said Roy. One time energy funding from Alberta Infrastructure helped to address some of those costs.

Gibbons believes it is fortunate the Alberta Commission on Learning listened to their concerns about funding.

"It appears the provincial government is taking steps forward to address the commission's recommendations," said Gibbons. "We are anxious to learn how funding announcements will impact us in Chinook's Edge."



photo by Dale McRae

Meet the Taxpayer

The Town of Didsbury held a Meet the Taxpayer meeting Monday, Dec. 1. Issues that were discussed were the smoking by-law and the train whistle. Mayor Dorothy Moore, Councillors Peter Versluys and Clem Kuelker hosted the meeting.

Justice of the Peace needed in central Alberta, say officials

by Dan Singleton

More than a dozen towns, including Sundre, Didsbury and Olds, are calling for the appointment of a sitting Justice of the Peace to central Alberta.

Sitting Justices of the Peace, funded by Alberta Justice and all members of the Alberta Bar Association, issue interim judicial releases, emergency protection orders, search warrants, and wire taps at the request of police.

While there used to be sitting Justices of the Peace in many rural communities, including in central Alberta, since Feb. 1999 they have all been based in Edmonton and Calgary.

Police outside Calgary and Edmonton must contact justices by phone to request process.

Bringing a sitting Justice of the Peace to central Alberta would benefit RCMP detachments across the region, said Sundre RCMP Sgt. Jay Arsenault.

"To have a local Justice of the Peace, a personal contact rather than a phone contact, would be quicker and more convenient. No doubt having one-on-one personal contact would greatly benefit us," said Arsenault.

Sylvan Lake lawyer Sharon Crooks, on the executive of Central Alberta Bar Association and a member of the region's domestic violence steering committee, said, "Do we have equal access to justice in central Alberta? I think not. Our concern is that the citizens of central Alberta don't have the same access to justice that the citizens in Edmonton and Calgary do. At this point we are less than happy with the current situation. We don't think it works."

Following an October presentation by the Central Alberta Bar Association in which councillors heard domestic violence is on the rise throughout the region, Red Deer County council passed a resolution calling on the provincial Minister of Justice to appoint a central Alberta sitting Justice of the Peace.

Since then other municipalities such as Olds, Sundre, Didsbury and Mountain View County have passed resolutions supporting the Red Deer County resolution. The City of Red Deer passed its own resolution calling for the appointment.

As well, area RCMP detachments and the Crown prosecutors have also sent letters of support.

Red Deer County Reeve Earl Kinsella said: "It's an equality and a safety issue. We want to see it especially because if there is a domestic dispute with violence involved you have to go through Calgary or Edmonton to get a restraining order. The time that it takes is too long. In those emergency situations you need to be able to get a hold of someone within an hour."

Sharon Crooks said she is particularly concerned that emergency protection orders - often sought by women in domestic violence situations - are too difficult to obtain when a sitting Justice of the Peace is not readily available.

"Right now if you can't get the police to do it for whatever reason, a woman would have to drive to Edmonton or Calgary and most of them are unwilling or unable to do that for many reasons. Our resources are very slim here. It's not an easy thing when someone's in crisis," said Crooks.

The area's RCMP detachments are also being unduly burdened because of the lack of a sitting Justice of the Peace, she said.

"Our police forces are pretty stretched. When you are talking about sitting

and having to do these applications all of those things take time. It can take a number of hours out of an officer's day and we're talking, I think, probably hundreds of hours lost in a year in terms of our police forces."

"If we could have a sitting Justice of the Peace then police officers could perhaps combine their applications and make appointments to attend in person at the JP office, thus saving them significant time."

Copies of the municipality resolutions and letters of support from other stakeholders have been forwarded to Minister of Justice Dave Hancock.

Alberta Justice spokesperson Michael Shields said the department is reviewing the matter.

"The minister has made a commitment to look into the situation in central Alberta," Shields said.

At present, the department believes the service in central Alberta is adequate, he noted.

"I think it's fair to say that response times on emergency protection orders initiated from central Alberta are comparable to all other regions of the province," he said.

Shields could not say when Alberta Justice may reply to the issue.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Democracy?



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

I hear that number is increasing daily. Are the people signing it actually informed, I don't know.

What I do know is that there has to be a medium. The people signing this petition should have a say. The County is there to make the best decisions for the rest of us. If a decision has upset so many people I would think they would want to fix it. Figure out where they went wrong. This "small interest group" is clearly on to something if so many people are agreeing with them.

At the same time, I think taxpayers need to stop struggling against the County, and learn that they would probably get a better reaction from the County if they approached them without such defense. These people making our decisions were voted in for a reason. There are people out there, clearly by the votes of the last election, who trust the County to make the right decision.

When did it become taxpayers against County? If any two groups should work together it is these two. Their goals are the same, what is best for the people living in the County. How can two groups with the same goal, bunt heads on such an important issue.

Is there a possibility of a conversation between these groups. Can both not be heard. If the taxpayers feel there is a way of saving money on the new building, why wouldn't County want to hear about it?

When this issue was voted on, why did so few people speak up. If people are ignored, why should they bother voting at all. What happened to democracy? Who has a voice?

Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

What is Love?

Our youngest grandson is four years old, he is an extremely sensitive child for his age, he often amazes us with his sensitivity for such a young child. This fall he began two mornings a week at play school. One day he came home and told his mother a little girl had pushed him, and made him feel sad. Our daughter asked him what he did about it. His immediate response was, that he took out a cookie from his lunch box and gave it to her. Being somewhat surprised, she asked what had made him think of doing that. He said "Mommy, I just thought she needed more love" What a tender and sensitive understanding of love.

When someone pushes us, shoves us, humiliates us, demeans us, criticizes us, perhaps spreads untruths about us, or hurts us in any way, what is our response? How do we react? Is our first thought to "go to our lunch box, take out a cookie and give it to the one who hurts or wounded us" just to use the analogy of our grandchild. Is our response one of applying love, or do we sometimes feel so agitated, so hurt, that we feel like retaliating in some way, we almost feel like reacting instead of acting.

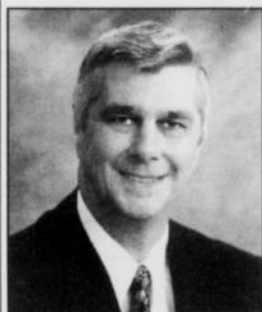
Life is a challenge, and we all seek and desire to love more, but where do we start, just with those who love us, those easy to love? Or does our love, our unconditional love, reach out to those less loveable, those who do us an injustice, those constant complainers or those just plain hard to love folks. When we spend time with these folks and hear 'their story' we often find it much easier to love. Let us endeavour this week to 'just love more' in the simple ways that present themselves to us. Have a good week.



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MLA COLUMN

Mature Market Animal Transition Program



Richard Marz, MLA

Alberta's cow-calf and dairy producers currently face the challenge of dealing with their mature animals. Under normal conditions, more than half of these animals were sent to the U.S. for slaughter; however, since the border closure due to a single case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, producers have been unable to send their animals to the U.S.

To help producers, Alberta announced the Mature Market Animal Transition Program. This program—designed in consultation with industry—will help Alberta producers as

they cull the mature animals from their beef, dairy, bison, sheep, goat, elk, deer, llama and alpaca herds, while the marketplace adjusts to new realities.

While a national mature animal program would have been preferred, our industry has said that the federal program does not reflect choice in the market. They need a program that does not interfere with the marketplace by forcing producers to slaughter their animals for payment; especially when there is a somewhat limited slaughter capacity for older animals, and a dramatically reduced market for the product. Forced sales result in rock bottom prices for producers.

Our program allows producers the option to choose how they deal with their animals, rather than forcing them to slaughter them for payment. It also recognizes that different animals are worth different amounts. Producers can choose the option of a per-head payment or a deficiency payment if they market their animals through a competitive bid process.

In addition to helping our

industry with their mature animals, we are also working very closely with them to develop new markets and new opportunities for their mature animals.

If they choose to slaughter their animal, Alberta producers can also apply for the federal program. However, they will only receive the federal portion of national mature animal program.

For example, if a producer takes the immediate payment on a 1,400 lb beef cow, they will receive a payment of \$180. However, if they choose to take the differential payment and sell their animal to a speculator for \$0.10 per pound, they will receive a payment of \$252 plus their market return of \$140.

Funding for the mature animal program is part of the previously announced \$100 million, which was earmarked for both a mature animal program and a final steer and heifer program.

Alberta has committed more than \$400 million to BSE compensation—more than any other province in Canada, and more than the federal government has committed nationally.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Chretien could you please Shut-Up!

Dear Editor,

As a Western-Canadian I thought by now I should be getting used to our PM's antics.

I'm not! With less than a week left in his mandate our out-going Prime Minister is off instructing Africa about political correctness.

Does he have the right? While in Nigeria our 'purest PM' was telling leaders of that country that they needed to clean up mismanagement and corruption.

If almost any other Canadian had made the comment, I might have agreed. But Chretien?

What credibility has he him-

self earned to be a spokesman of 'right and wrong'?

When the PM gets back from globe trotting he will be served with a subpoena calling for the him to appear in person on a charge of mismanagement (dating back to his term of Indian Affairs Minister) in the handling of the native bands assets (re-Samson Cree Native Band)

while under trust by the Federal Government.

In an almost unprecedented case, a past-PM will be required to appear at the inquiry. If Canadians could have access to the billions of \$dollars wasted by the hands of our Jean Q. Liberal Government we could make a serious dent in our social infrastructure.

I could make a long list, but really do I have too? Jean, could you please shut up!

Maybe Canadians should consider stripping you of your pension!

David Klassen
Interim Chairman
Sons and Daughters of Liberty

Resident upset over County petition

Dear Editor,

It is depressing to say the least, that we live at a time when legal loopholes and technicalities are considered more important than justice and more important than worried taxpayers.

This is in reference to comments made in the Mountain View County News Nov. 28, 2003, regarding the current petition to put a stop, for 14 months, to the County's extravagant plans for a new office building.

If they were correctly quoted we must ask, "Where have these councillors been that they do not remember some disturbing events in the recent past?"

The first councillor remarks "It seems to me the time has passed for us to concern ourselves with this petition."

Does he not remember that

a plebiscite on the same issue was held at the last election and about 75% of the voters were against an unnecessary and costly new building?

If County officials had had respect for the taxpayers they would have accepted the result and a very adequate and practical renovation, such as was carefully explained by concerned taxpayers, could have settled the matter.

People in office should keep in mind that the tax dollars they spend represent people's sweat, toil and time - a significant part of their short lives.

The County's treatment of some people has not only shown disrespect but downright abuse in cases where people were doing absolutely nothing to hurt anything or anybody.

And yet a really harmful enterprise can be allowed to prosper even without a permit. And so another memory lapse is shown in the second councillor's comment.

"We are obligated to follow the Act and we have to be accountable to all ratepayers out there."

Where was this man when the promised 2500-head feedlot mushroomed into a much larger business that flourished for several years without a permit being required by the County, which at that time was responsible for such things.

The last we heard the NRCEB, which now controls ILOs, had issued a permit for 18,200 head. This leaves neighbors with inevitable stench and flies and the

possibility of water trouble, that degrades their lives and devalues their property, making it financially impossible to replace it with unpolluted property elsewhere.

These large feedlots are really not good for man or beast but if they must be allowed to exist, they should be located in a remote area far from any residence.

Another puzzling comment comes at the last from the third councillor.

"People in the County need to value the system we have, not set out to destroy it."

I am very concerned a good thing is being turned into a bad thing."

This leaves taxpayers with some more questions; Who is setting out to destroy the system? Who is turning a good thing into a bad thing?

The main function of good government should not be to hurt people but to keep people from hurting each other. Are we seeing that in this County?

These are serious times and serious issues. It should be possible for reasonable adults to discuss them and come to a peaceable agreement.

We should remember that a better day is coming. When our Lord restores this sin-cursed planet to its original paradise condition, "The meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in the abundance of peace." (Rev.21:5 and Psalm 37:11)

Dorothy (Dixie) Ross

Turkey draw winner gives gift to Christmas Helpers

Dear Editor,

I was reading through my Didsbury Review from December 3rd, and noticed the list of turkey winners.

I also noticed the Christmas Hampers articles. I would like to donate the turkey I won to the Christmas Hampers program.

I would also like to challenge everyone who won a turkey in the Country Christmas draws to donate them to the Christmas Hampers. We were all expecting to buy a turkey anyway.

Let's make someone's Christmas a little better this year by donating a turkey.

Thank you to Linda Sirt and Linda Regner and all the people who work so hard to make Christmas great for all people in Didsbury.

Gail Wilson



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• Town Council: December 15, 2003

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New Hours of operation at the museum are: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 12:30 - 4:30pm and Saturday 1:00-5:00pm. Meetings held second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 - Please join us!!

NEWS

Christmas Helpers still looking for help for this years hampers

Dear Editor,

With the snow, lights and Christmas music it is easy to realize that Christmas will soon be here. For many of us Christmas is a wonderful memory and we get excited thinking about the whole idea but for far to many others that simply is not the case.

Budgets have been squeezed so many times that even the thought of Christmas sends people into panic. Christmas Helpers was formed to take the burden off people who just don't know how they can get through

this Christmas.

Do you know someone? Please contact Zion Evangelical Missionary Church (ZEMC) 335-3629 (all names are kept in confidence). Tues. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Please note:

Dec. 21

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Dec. 22

10:00 a.m. at ZEMC help needed for placing

the food in hampers for delivery.

Dec. 25

1:00 p.m. at Elks Hall. For all people who are alone for Christmas Dinner. Please bring a wrapped gift for the game. A wonderful afternoon for all who choose to come.

Thanks to all who have already donated to this years Christmas Helpers program.

Please come out and help where you can and make Christmas 2003 brighter for all who live in the Didsbury area.

Questions? Call ZEMC at 335-3629 or after hours Linda Sirr 335-4832 or 335-2378 and leave message.

Sincerely,

Linda Sirr

Linda Regner

Christmas Helpers

Taxpayers did do their homework

Dear Editor,

In a recent newspaper story it was quoted that Reeve, Mr. Harvie, said the Mountain View Taxpayers Group was a special interest group that did not do their homework.

We did our homework, and found that the 1999 estimates for upgrading and renovating the County Administration Building by architects and engineers was \$796,700.00 In a County publication that figure appears as \$1,850,000.00 I ask County Council or Administration to explain to us taxpayers how they arrived at this over \$1 million higher quote.

After this so far unexplained cost jump, I must admit, the New Building Promoters did their homework and kept the estimates of Renovation versus New Building within 20% of each other.

Renovation and expansion estimates are now \$3.5 - \$3.9 million. New construction estimates are \$5.1 - \$5.5 million. Less recovery for sale of existing building and for use of County resources for site development, giving a net cost of \$4.4 - \$4.8 million.

"Use of County resources" Does that mean forced volunteer labour by junior County employees?

On the sale of the existing building, I like to remind you that farmers don't count the chicks until the eggs are hatched.

Yours truly,
Henry Kuelker

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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Rhonda Hunter

2005 will be a year dedicated to celebrating!! The Town of Didsbury and District and the residents will be treated to two celebrations in one year - Didsbury's 100th year as incorporation as a Town and Alberta's 100th Anniversary as a province of Canada. That's a lot of celebrating - but we can do it!!

Didsbury's Centennial Celebrations will encompass the entire year of 2005 and will be planned and organized in 2004. We invite you to consider a position on our Centennial Committee. The committee will require a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer as well as a minimum of four Directors who will take on duties and responsibilities that will include, but not be limited to, Special Events, Souvenirs and Fund-raising, Historical, Rural Representative, Legacy, Public Relations, and Schools. This event and being a part of it will be too exciting to miss! Citizens of Didsbury and Districts who are interested in being a member of the Centennial Committee are asked to submit their name to Rhonda Hunter, Director of Community Services, by December 15, 2003. It is being planned that the Centennial Committee will commence meetings in January of 2004.

A part of the Centennial celebrations that will get underway on January 1, 2004, as well, is the Centennial Logo Contest. Town Council has endorsed that a Centennial logo be chosen to be featured on all Town letterhead and documents effective May, 2004. The logo will also be applied to souvenir articles and other promotional items related to the Town and its celebrations. To participate in the logo contest, you can submit entries from January 1, 2004 - March 31, 2004. The successful logo will be selected by a committee of members of Town Council and the Centennial Committee. The winning selection will be presented with a special award upon the announcement!

Submit entries to Rhonda Hunter, Director of Community Services at the Town Office, Box 790, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0. For information on the logo contest or the Centennial Committee, please call the Town Office at 403-335-3391.

Be a part of history, and the community. Let's celebrate what a wonderful town we live in!!



photo by Tamara Collins

Grand Opening

Friday was the grand opening of the new Krebs & Co Veterinary Clinic. To mark the opening the clinic served beef on a bun, and held large animal demonstrations. The clinic accepts all animals, big and small.

Let's Make a Trail!!



Rhonda Hunter

The construction of Didsbury's new Memorial Park is well underway and facilities that are near completion include four ball diamonds, an outdoor theatre, and greenspace. It is anticipated that these features of the park will be ready for use in the summer of 2004!

Another exciting and unique component of the park will be its 1.5 km trail, where outdoor and

active living enthusiasts can walk, jog, and roller blade while enjoying the beautiful, scenic view of nature's surroundings.

The trail will encompass and intertwine with the entire park and will provide a safe, groomed area for people to use. Cost of the trail is projected at \$25,000 and an exciting opportunity is now ready for donors to take part in.

A fund-raising initiative for the trail system was recently endorsed by Town Council and we are very excited to announce to you the opportunities available for you and/or your family to participate in the completion of the trail. Sections of the trail as well as benches and trees to enhance the trail can all be purchased through the "Make a Trail" project. Make a Trail has packages that will suit everyone and can be purchased for as little as \$15 or as much as \$1,000. These

packages are just in time to make great Stocking Stuffers, and will also be a unique memorial opportunity or even a gift for newborn or birthday.

For \$15 you can purchase 1 metre of trail, for \$150 - 10 metres of trail, for \$300 a tree to be planted along the trail and for \$1,000 you can purchase a bench and a tree that will be placed along the trail. Limited packages of bench/tree combinations are being offered, so if you're interested we encourage you to act quickly. And remember, only 1,500 metres in 1.5 km! Donors will have their names displayed in the park to be acknowledged as special members of the Make a Trail project.

For more information, please call the Town Office at 335-3391 or drop in and pick up a Make a Trail information brochure.

Aspen Ridge borrowing expands

by Tamara Collins

Borrowing for the Aspen Lodge Seniors' Housing has gone from \$3 million to \$3.3 million, due to adding an additional eight units.

All municipalities entered into an agreement with the County of Mountain View and Mountain View Seniors' Housing (MVSH), on March 26, 2003, to borrow funds from Alberta Capital Finance Authority for the Lodge.

According to a letter written to the Town of Didsbury, from the MVSH, over the past year construction costs have increased and the decision was made to build an additional eight units. This resulted in the need for additional borrowing up to \$300,000 depending upon fund-raising achieved in the next few months.

The Board (MVSH) requested that each municipality pass a motion at the next council meeting to amend the borrowing amount from \$3 million to \$3.3 million.

The Didsbury Town Council passed the motion at the last council meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Because of BSE Canadian farmers were unable to ship their cull cows this summer and old, barren or sore footed cows were given a reprieve.

Instead of becoming Quarter Pounders at McDonald's our old cows basked in the sunshine, ate their share of the green grass and grew fat and happy. Two weeks ago one of our old ladies produced an unexpected and not altogether welcome child. It's a lovely baby, a red heifer, healthy and full of energy but winter is not a great time for a baby to live outside. By June, when we put the bulls out she will be at that awkward age when she is old enough to get in calf but should not, so she and her mother will have to be kept separate at a time when all the cattle should be on grass and Ralph is free of daily feeding. I have been promised a trip to Boston this June and we are not staying home for one unnecessary calf. There may be veal in the freezer.

The calf may be the only representative of new life at this cold and frozen season, but American cousins who think of us as igloo dwellers and people of the permafrost would be surprised at how much activity there is on the farm in winter. Five to seven deer are here every day.

The centres of several big round bales have been eaten out to expose nice green hay, they drink daintily from the spring, bed down in the pasture near the lane and eat fallen crabapples for dessert. All fall there have been at least two, and often three moose, munching at the hay bales, and nipping the tender ends from the ornamental trees and shrubs. The dog tries to chase them away but they have absolutely no fear of dogs and not much fear of people. We have found piles of moose poop twenty feet from the house. I will never again be tempted by the sight of a chocolate covered almond.

Fresh badger holes appear in the pastures almost daily, so we have two or three resident badgers and a whole bunch of sleeping gophers. I hope they sleep straight through and don't wake up just as the badger breaks through the bedroom ceiling. We hear and see coyotes every day so there must be a good supply of mice. Once in a while we are lucky enough to see a weasel and there is always a porcupine lurking out there somewhere. So far, elk or cougar appear only intermittently but certainly more often than they did twenty years ago. Recently a neighbor trapped a raccoon so I suppose it's only a matter of time until those nasty little pests are among us.

This year we had a good hatch of gray partridge (formerly Hungarian Partridge) and a lovely big flock visits the corrals and feed yards.

Last night a fierce Chinook wind blew cones and seeds from the old spruce trees and this morning the lawn was alive with red polls eating the fallen seeds. Chickadees, bless them, are really abundant this year and we are delighted to feed them seeds and suet in return for the life and energy that they bring to a winter day.

We have several white breasted nuthatch and when they come in to the feeder the chickadees back off and wait until they leave. Downy woodpeckers seem to take precedence over nuthatch, hairy woodpeckers take precedence over everybody. Often one or two chickadees will wait in line for a third to finish so there must be an established pecking order in chickadee society. As they look pretty much alike it's unlikely that we will ever know what it is based upon.

In the short cold days of December it would be easy to think of the country as locked in frozen sleep and waiting for spring to return life to the land. Not so. Some days it's down right crowded around here.

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by Noreen Olson

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY Calgary Health Region welcomes Didsbury area

Courtney Rousseau,
Vice-Chair
Calgary Health Region

The Calgary Health Region welcomed approximately 12,000 rural residents to the region in December as its borders grew to include Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona and the surrounding area. In October, Alberta Health and Wellness announced that the health services offered in the Didsbury area would transfer from the David Thompson Health Region to the Calgary Health Region on Dec. 1. Planning teams have been working closely to ensure a smooth transition. Our goal through the transition period has been to maintain smooth operation of the programs and services provided from the Didsbury Health Centre in order to minimize disruption and maintain open communication with the community. The Didsbury Health Centre includes 290 employees, 15 acute beds and 80 continuing care beds. The expanded health region has more than 20,000 employees, 2,000 physicians and one million residents.

The health system continues to struggle with capacity and access issues. With the growth in population over the past five years, the Calgary Health Region's frontline staff has been hard pressed to keep up with the rising demand for health services. Recently, the Region added 20 medical and pediatric hospital beds in rural and urban areas at a cost of \$500,000. The beds will serve as a contingency plan for coping with influenza season, which runs through April. Over and above flu season, the Region has been dealing with higher patient volumes. Between April 1 and Nov. 16, 2003, visits to the emergency departments in Calgary were up

more than 10 per cent compared with the same period the previous year. In addition, the number of MRI scans being performed by the Region has increased 60 per cent in the past two years. But wait times for elective MRI scans have increased to nearly 200 days despite efforts by the Region to add new MRI machines. The Region will continue to take steps to decrease wait times for elective MRI scans. MRIs have become a valuable tool for physicians, who are now using the technology to help diagnose heart disease and bone and joint problems.

As a result of increased patient demand and lower than forecasted revenues, the Region has updated its anticipated operational budget deficit for the 2003/04 financial year to \$58 million. The Region previously projected that its deficit for the financial year ending March 31, 2004 would be \$25 million after expenses of \$1.8 billion. The Region's expenditures are on target, but additional revenues expected from a new wave of initiatives discussed as part of the Mazankowski reforms will not be realized. We have been working closely with our provincial government partners, and will continue to do so, as we address increased service pressures and our expected funding shortfall. We are doing everything we can to control costs in areas that do not affect patient care. The Region's board is committed to good financial stewardship while recognizing the need to provide the public with first-rate health services.

Weather, debt and BSE are just three of the factors that add stress to those in rural areas who depend on agriculture to make a living. The discovery in

Alberta in May 2003 of a single case of BSE — Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or Mad Cow Disease — has contributed to stress in rural communities this year. The Calgary Health Region recently developed a public awareness campaign to address the needs of rural communities under stress. Although stress is a part of life, at times it can be overwhelming. In late October, when ranchers start to sell their calves, the Region began circulating brochures and posters in rural communities to help individuals identify stress and how to help deal with it. Help is also available at local mental health clinics and through Health Link in Calgary at 943-LINK (5465) or long distance at 1-866-408-LINK (5465).

The Calgary Health Region appreciates the efforts of Country 105 FM and its listeners to support the Alberta Children's Hospital. The Country 105 Cares for Kids Radiothon in November raised \$605,000 for the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. The foundation provides funding for innovative family centred programs, state of the art equipment, advanced medical training and internationally recognized pediatric research. During the Radiothon, dozens of children, families and caregivers captivated listeners with stories of hope, help and healing at the hospital. On Nov. 7, country music star Paul Brandt debuted his song Hope, which he dedicated to the hospital. Those wishing to support the hospital may purchase the song online from www.paulbrandt.com.

Visit our website at www.calgaryhealthregion.ca to stay up-to-date on the latest developments in the Calgary Health Region.



The Mountain View Colts played Red Deer and Hobbema this past week, both games out of town. Friday night Red Deer beat the Colts, 7 to 4 in a strong battle. Saturday night the Colts beat Hobbema 7 to 2. Their next home game is Dec. 20 against Three Hills.

photo by Mike Irwin

Faces



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Holiday fun camps offer festive fun

In just a few short days your kids will be home for the holidays providing you with more time together every minute of the day.

While sharing the holiday season with loved ones offers the makings of many a heart-warming Yuletide tune or Christmas card verse, even the best of us catch ourselves unashamedly yearning for more peaceful times when school was in session. That's where the Town's Community Services Program office comes in so handy.

Beginning on Monday, December 22nd workers are pulling together to offer five days

of festive fun during their **Holiday Fun Camps** at the Memorial Complex.

Team Leader, Heather Caton, says anyone between the ages of 6 to 12-years-old (grades 1 - 7) can participate in what she refers to as a great way to keep kids busy over the holiday season. "We do this every year," Caton explains. "...It's a great way to give kids something to do over the Christmas break especially if they have parents who have to work."

Caton says one of the biggest factors making each "camp" so much fun is the theme ideas they have as-

signed. "We have a Santa's Workshop where we will be visited by Santa himself and work in a workshop as part of the day's activities."

Other themes include "Santa Claus is coming to Town" on December 23rd, "Winter Wonderland" on December 29th, "New Years Resolution" on December 30th, and "Countdown" on December 31st. "During the Winter Wonderland camp we plan to go skating, build a snowman, do snow angels and maybe even go on a winter treasure hunt. It should be lots of fun," says Caton.

Because of the wide range of

potential activities each camp day (eg. swimming, skating, crafts, outdoor activities, etc.) parents will receive a list of items their children will need to bring each day. "We'll let them know in advance if they need to pack skates or a swimsuit," says Caton.

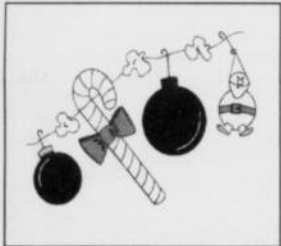
Each session costs only \$20.00 with pre-registrations being taken at the Aquatic Centre. "You don't have to sign up for all of them at once," Caton explains. "It's fine to have your child just drop in to one or two if parents so desire."

For more information about the Holiday Fun Day Camps, please call 335-7369.



Team Leader, Heather Caton

Farmers Christmas light judging just days away



Residents living outside Didsbury might want to check and make sure those Christmas lights they put up are on and working the nights of December 17th, 18th and 19th.

That's when members of the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce plan on doing their annual drive-by inspection for consideration of winners for this year's Rural Light Display Contest. Chamber Secretary, Joelle Fournier, says the light contest is part of an annual activity the Chamber does to promote the festive holiday spirit in Didsbury.

"We did the urban judging on Monday (December 8th) and this is sort of the second part to that...it's all to promote the

celebration of the holidays in (and around) Didsbury."

Rural residents are asked to turn on their Christmas lights between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm (Dec. 17 - 19) to enable judges to get a good look at what inevitably is a lot of hard work.

"Some people really go all out," says Fournier. "...But it doesn't mean it has to be that fancy, just as long as you have something up that's Christmassy."

Prizes include a specially-engraved plaque compliments of the Chamber of Commerce.

Anyone wishing more information about the Rural Light Judging performed by the Chamber can call their office at 335-3265.

Rediscover Christmas at the Redeemer Lutheran Church nativity

Christmas is just a few weeks away and as our calendars steadily become booked with school concerts, office parties and other festive functions we may be left pondering what it is that we are really celebrating and, more importantly, the true meaning of the holiday season.

A reminder is close at hand with the onset of the annual **Live Nativity Pageant** being performed Sunday, December 21st., Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd just outside Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury.

There, at 7:45 pm sharp, you will be witness to an authentic outdoor re-enactment of the first Christmas.

Pastor Rob Mohns says the play has been a long-standing

tradition at the Lutheran Church and, apart from providing an excellent opportunity for fellowship, is also an excellent teaching forum allowing people to witness the story of Jesus' birth personally.

"This allows us to celebrate Christ's coming as our Savior and help renew our faith..." Pastor Mohns explains. "The story of the nativity has always been there for us and it reminds us that God is always here for us which can be quite comforting especially given the tragedies that have taken place around the world and even closer to home recently."

Pastor Mohns says the production is one involving virtually every member of the congregation in one form or

another. "...Whether it's helping set up the props or the bleachers for our audience, or acting in the play itself, or even helping serve up apple cider and hot chocolate to our visitors...each individual plays an integral part of making the evening a success."

Didsbury's Live Outdoor Nativity is one of few presented in the area during the Christmas season. "To my knowledge we are the only ones in the area that use live animals and authentic props to tell about the Christmas story...but I do realize there is sometimes one in Olds and I believe Markerville," says Mohns. "The whole story only takes about 20 minutes to complete, so it's not a long time to be outdoors at all."

Those familiar with the pro-

duction may notice some new additions to the presentation's format. "We enjoyed having the addition of more angels and new music last year and look forward to building on that again this year."

Pastor Mohns adds that a key element to the production's success is the donation of the lights and bleachers from the Town of Didsbury. "We are very thankful to the town for delivering the equipment so necessary for us to perform this event," he says. "We are also thankful to the churches and the community for their support and promotion of the live nativity over the years."

Anyone interested in attending the Live Outdoor Nativity Performances is encouraged to stop by the church at 7:45 pm

December 21st, 22nd, or 23rd. Christmas baking and refreshments are available in the Church gymnasium directly following the performance. For more information, call 335-3161.



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NEIGHBORHOOD

Business owners beware

by Tamara Collins

In November, the Chamber of Commerce held a special lunch time meeting to discuss the Working Alone Legislation, under the Occupational Health and Safety Act Regulations. Bob Ellergodt and Mel Foster, both of Allison Associated, attended the meeting to speak about the Legislation and its terms.

This Legislation was passed in Sept. 2000, and it states that the law now requires all businesses and organizations having employees who work alone, to complete written hazard assessments and to train their employees to work safely.

"There are so many Albertans who are unaware this Legislation even exists," said Ellergodt. "And if they do not take the appropriate actions they will end up paying the penalties."

Maximum penalties for non-compliance currently ranges from \$150,000 to \$300,000, and presently steps are being taken to raise that amount to \$500,000.

There are five categories people who work alone are grouped into, the first one is "Employees that handle cash". This includes retail businesses, and businesses having their employees conduct banking activities.

The second category is "Employees who meet clients away from their base office", such as sales, nurses, home care workers, maintenance and labourers.

"Employees who perform hazardous work" is the third category, ranging from oil industry workers, forestry workers, toxic chemical workers, and drivers.

Category number four, "Employees who travel alone", identifies truck drivers, field workers, and business people in transit.

The final one is "Employees at risk of violent attack because they are isolated", and includes custodians, security guards, and factory workers.

Each category lists examples, but under each of them there are others that could also apply.

"I remember one night I decided I was going to write up my working alone hazard assessment," said Ellergodt. "Well four months later I was still working on it. It is a long process."

Allison Associated offers assistance with the developing of a program. Both men have over 20 years experience in the RCMP, and also experience in lost prevention.

"Small businesses just don't have the time to put such a program in place," said Ellergodt. "That is where we come in, we

take that off your hands."

12 people attended the meeting, and Ellergodt's words gave everyone something to think about.

"Every community has a story about someone being attacked, that is why we have this legislation," said Ellergodt. "Every business has at some point someone left alone. Lets work together to make sure these employees are safe."

Allison Associated has the materials to assist you, and they offer a 3 hour training session to help get your plan together.

Alberta will soon be excepting a new legislation involving the work place. "Violence and harassment in the work place" Legislation will be passed in April 2004.

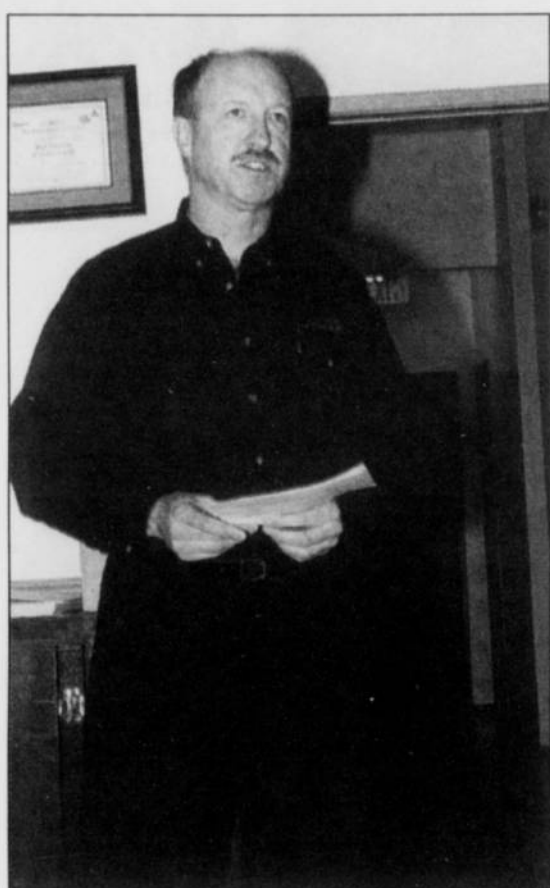


photo by Tamara Collins

Bob Ellergodt, Allison Associated, CFE Corporate Partner speaks to Didsbury about the Working Alone Legislation that affects all business owners.

"A Rainbow Means Hope"



by Tamara Collins

"A Rainbow Means Hope: Chronicles of the July 14th Pine Lake Tornado" is a new book sold in Didsbury and surrounding areas. The 251 page book features submitted accounts of people who were affected by the 2000 Pine Lake tornado.

"The tornado was like a sudden war," said Brenda Dowell, co-editor. "The effect it had on people was terrible."

Sharon Barnes was the other co-editor, both women

are on the Elenora Pine Lake History Book Committee.

The book is made up of 90 accounts from victims and responders. It also features 14 pages of color photos.

"The message of hope is very strong throughout this book," said Dowell. "We got the name from something a little girl said to her grandmother about the tragedy."

The Pine Lake tornado was the largest rescue mission in Central Alberta ever.

"This book was a way to help many people to deal with the tragedy," said Dowell. "It was suggested to us as a way to help."

The first 1,000 copies of the book printed are almost sold out. Advertising has not been done for the book, it is being sold through word of mouth, and at farmer's markets.

"People did this with such strength," said Dowell.

The accounts featured in it are both short and long, depending on what the person felt like saying.

The book is available in Didsbury at All Site Travel.

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LETTERS FROM NIGERIA

The story of the Snyders and their adventures



Dan and Janet Snyder are former Didsburians who have been doing mission work in Nigeria for over 20 years.

Dear Family and Friends,

There are days when everything is fine, and then there are other days! I know that these 'other days' happen regardless of where one lives. Tuesday was an 'other day' for me. I've been after the phone people to fix our phone for several weeks. Last week I was at the NITEL office four mornings of the week and carried their repair people around a couple of times. This week on Tuesday I was after them again. I went to the office about 8 a.m. and then waited for them at the 'cabinet' where the main lines come in.

They came about 9 and 'investigated' things at the cabinet until about 10:30. Then I took them and their ladder in a borrowed pickup to the junction box. They climbed the pole and tried a couple of things. The guy came down and said that the line 'didn't reach', which meant that what he'd tried to do at the 'cabinet' didn't work. So I took him back to the 'cabinet' where he made another adjustment.

Then one of the many others who were waiting to get their phones fixed took him back to the junction box while I went home to wait for his call. The call never came but I caught them as they were leaving. The main man said that they couldn't do anything; they would have to get the 'cable men' to fix the problem.

Basically that means that nothing will happen during my lifetime. Our phone, which was noisy and crossed with another line, is now completely dead. By the time we finished the morning I was more than a little discouraged.

I know that things are less than ideal in Canada (and the U.S.) but I have this picture in my mind of

how wonderful things are there—how everything works. I would gladly have gone home on Tuesday, but I know that this is where God wants us for just now. I've also discovered, when I'm in Canada, that things are not quite as rosy as I picture in my mind. When we were driving on the 401 in Ontario I was sure that some of the Canadian drivers had taken driving lessons from some of our drivers here in Nigeria—they did some similar things!! Janet assures me that drivers the world over are just selfish. You know, I think she's right.

This past week the General Secretary of our local denomination was involved in a car accident. He was hurt (not life-threatening) and may actually be charged for injuries/death to another person. I don't know all of the circumstances but I know that he would appreciate our prayers. His name is John Saba.

This coming week there was to be a General Board meeting, but the General Secretary is the one who does most of the work in preparing for it, so maybe it

will be postponed.

The Commonwealth heads of state are meeting in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, just now. Even the Queen is there and the Canadian Prime Minister also. This is good for Nigeria. Many people around the world still think that Lagos is the capital city. Also, many airlines (even ones that fly into Abuja!) don't recognize Abuja as a destination on their websites. Maybe this will help to put Abuja 'on the map'. This should provide much more positive international press recognition than the Miss World debacle last year.

Please continue to pray for Nigeria and its people. Many live in abject poverty, but few give up hope. The saying:

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast" is given new meaning when one sees how some of the people here suffer but still hope for better things in the future. It should inspire all of us to be very grateful for the many blessings that God has given us. Let's count our blessings.

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Seniors Luncheon Thurs. Dec. 11. All seniors welcome to attend.

Fri. Dec. 12
Seniors Christmas Party. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m. Dance to follow, music by the Badlanders.

Sun. Dec. 14
Children's Christmas Party. 12:00 noon, Santa will arrive at 2:00 p.m. Goodie bags for all the children, free hot dogs & chocolate milk.

Wed. Dec. 31
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Saving water through smarter drilling technologies

Water is essential for drilling oil and gas wells. Most of the required water enhances oil recovery from aging reservoirs or assists with the difficult extraction of bitumen from the oil sands. Over the years, industry has changed its processes so that less drinkable or fresh water is needed. Now, fresh water use is minimized as saline water is used when possible. And with each passing year, the volume of water of any kind needed to produce a barrel of oil continues to decline.

Part of the reason for this success is that many companies now integrate responsible water use into all their planning and operations. Through the use of innovative technologies, companies are finding better ways to preserve our natural resource.

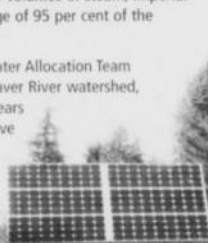
For example, near Sylvan Lake, Petro-Canada has worked closely with Komex International, a Calgary-based environmental management firm, to develop an effective new way of conserving water while protecting the environment. Together, they built a compact unit that evaporates salt-laden produced water so it re-enters the water cycle while leaving behind its toxic salts. This innovative unit is even solar powered, which means that no natural gas has to be burned to operate it.

Dave Taylor, Petro-Canada's Manager of Environment Health & Safety and Stakeholder Relations for Western Canada, says "When it comes to water, we always aim for conservation, protection and recycling. That's where the approach we select to development can make a real difference to Albertans."

At the Cold Lake operation of Imperial Oil Resources, the company uses cyclic steam stimulation (CSS) to recover bitumen located half a kilometre below the surface. As the technology requires large volumes of steam, Imperial developed techniques that recycle an average of 95 per cent of the water produced with the bitumen.

According to Pat Marriott, who leads the Water Allocation Team of Alberta Environment in the Cold Lake-Beaver River watershed, "Imperial has done a lot of work over the years to reduce its use of fresh water. Their initiative in attempting to manage water resources more effectively sets an example for all users within the watershed."

Solar technologies use the sun's energy and light to provide heat, light, hot water, electricity, and even cooling, for homes, businesses, and industry.



More jobs, better training for Alberta youth

The right training for real jobs: that's the upshot of an important new study from the Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada.

The oil and natural gas industry in Alberta has grown so fast in recent years, and adopted so many of new practices and technologies, that many young people aren't sure what kind of education and training to seek. They're not alone. Educational centres across the country have been hard-pressed to keep up as well. Industry has been unable to find the skilled workers it needs, when it needs them. Things could work better.

That's why industry joined with Human Resources Development Canada to form the Council in 2001. This project, funded by the Government of Canada's Sectoral Partnerships Initiative, is a detailed study on working in the upstream oil and gas sector, its challenges, and its opportunities. Everything has been examined, from the likely location of jobs, to the skills that will be needed during the next decade, to the impact of technology.

Marylea Jarvis, Acting Vice President of Instruction at Fort McMurray's Keyano College, was one of three education representatives on the broadly-based steering committee that guided the Council's work.

"We train a lot of people to work in the oil sands sector, so we have a vital interest in the human resource needs of the industry. The steering committee on which I sat made sure the study addressed real needs, and clearly identified the skills needed by industry in the future. Being a part of the study from the very beginning means Keyano and other post-secondary institutions across the country can plan better programs and offer students the training they'll need for the jobs that are coming. This is the kind of thinking and collaboration that benefits everyone."



The right training for real jobs: the Petroleum Human Resources Council of Canada and industry are seeking better ways to train and educate Alberta youth.

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Focus on
the Family

QUESTION: I like your idea of balancing love with discipline, but I'm not sure I can do it. My parents were extremely rigid with us, and I'm determined not to make that mistake with my kids. But I don't want to be a pushover, either. Can you give me some help in finding the middle ground between extremes? DR.

DOBSON: Maybe it would clarify your overall disciplining goal to state it in the negative. It is not to produce perfect kids. Even if you implement a flawless system of discipline at home, which no one in history has done, your children will still be children.

At times they will be silly, lazy, selfish, and yes, disrespectful. Such is the nature of the human species. We as adults have the same weaknesses. Furthermore, when it comes to kids, that's how it should be. Boys and girls are like clocks; you have to let them run.

My point is that the purpose of parental discipline is not to produce obedient little robots who can sit with their hands folded in the parlor thinking patriotic and noble thoughts! Even if we could pull that off, it wouldn't be wise to try. The objective, as I see it, is to take the raw material with which our babies arrive on this Earth, and then gradually mold them into mature, responsible and God-fearing adults.

It is a 20-year process that will bring progress, setbacks, successes and failures. When the child turns 13, you'll swear that he's missed everything you thought you had taught ... manners, kindness, grace and style. But then, maturity begins to take over and the little green shoots from your former plantings start to emerge. One of the richest experiences in life is to watch that blossoming at the latter end of childhood.

QUESTION: You place great emphasis on instilling respect during the developmental years. Why is that so important? Do you just want adults to feel powerful and in control of these little people?

DR. DOBSON: Certainly not. Respect is important for several very specific reasons. First, the child's relationship with his parents provides the basis for his attitude toward every other form of authority he will encounter. It becomes the cornerstone for his later outlook on school officials, law enforcement officers, future employers, and the people with whom he will eventually live and work.

Teachers, for example, can tell very quickly when a boy or girl has been allowed to be defiant at home — because those attitudes are brought straight into the classroom.

Again, relationships at home are the first and most important social encounters a youngster will have, and the problems experienced there often carry over into adult life. Second, if you want your child to accept your values when she reaches her teen years, then you must be worthy of her respect during her younger days.

When a child can successfully defy your authority during her first 15 years, laughing in your face and stubbornly flouting your leadership, she develops a natural contempt for everything you stand for. "Stupid old Mom and Dad!" she thinks. "I've got them wound around my little finger. Sure they love me, but I really think they're afraid of me."

A child may not utter these words, but she feels them each time she wins the confrontations with her mom or dad. Third, and related to the second, respect is critical to the transmission of faith from one generation to the next.

The child who disdains his mother and father is less likely to emulate them on the things that matter most. If Mom and Dad are not worthy of respect, then neither are their morals, their country, or even their most deeply held convictions.

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Come watch some exciting hockey this weekend as the two Midget teams host a tournament Dec. 12, 13 and 14th. Besides great hockey action there will be a bake sale, a raffle table and chuckwagon races.

The action kicks off Friday at 4:30 when the Didsbury Raiders play against Calgary. They also play Saturday at 4:30 against Canmore and Innisfail at 8:45 p.m.

The Midget 'A' Revolts follow-up on Friday at 6:45

against Lethbridge. They also play Saturday at 2:15 against Hinton and on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. against Vauxhall.

Finals for both rounds will follow.

Come out and support your local teams!

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Open
Bonspiel

by Curtis & Marge

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A Event

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2. Doug Manning - Olds
3. Ric Phillips Jr. - Didsbury

B Event

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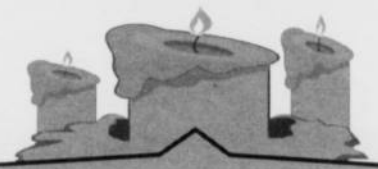


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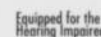
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NEIGHBORHOOD

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Lions Club Christmas Light Bus Tours

by Marge St. Clair

Wed. Dec. 10

Enjoy the Pot luck dinner at 12:30 p.m. at the 5-0 Club.

Wed. Dec. 10

The Didsbury and District Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum. You are welcome to attend.

Thurs. Dec. 11

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the 5-0 Centre. Meet and greet at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. All businesses invited to attend, tickets avail-

able at the Chamber office 335-3265.

With the Centennial celebrations gearing up for 2005, calls are going out for the production of a Centennial Logo for the Town of Didsbury.

This contest will be held from Jan. 1/04 to Mar. 31/04. Now is the time to put the drawings together. More details from Rhonda at the Town Office 335-3391.

Christmas Helpers are again asking for your support in filling Christmas Hampers for the less fortunate in our town. All dona-

tions, gifts, money must be received by Dec. 19th at Zion E.M. Church. On Sun. Dec. 21 at 2:30 p.m. the gifts will be wrapped and the hampers will be distributed on Dec. 22 & 23. If you have any questions, call the church at 335-3629.

Fri. Dec. 12

Cribbage will start at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. There will also be cribbage on Fri. Dec. 19 and will resume after the Christmas break on Fri. Jan. 2

Sun. Dec. 14

This is the day of the Annual Christmas Concert, Tea and Silent Auction at 2:00 p.m. in the Westglen School Gymnasium put on by the Didsbury High School Music Department. There will be three bands, the Grade IX Concert Band, the Jazz Ensemble, the Senior Concert Band and the Didsbury Choir. There will be a variety of desserts served. There is an admission, check with the school at 335-3356.

Tues. Dec. 16

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-

0 Centre from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Sat. Dec. 20

This is the deadline date for farmers in all areas to get their entry in to the Farm & Ranch Bonspiel being held at the Didsbury Curling Rink Jan. 5 - 10/04. There are no boundaries, as long as you have a farm or ranch somewhere you can enter.

Teams are made up of 3 farmers (men, women, or mixed) and one businessman is drawn to complete the rink. Phone your entry to Neil Youngs 335-4496.

Sat. Dec. 20

The Mountain View Colts will be host to Three Hills at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. There is not another home game until Sat. Jan. 3/04 when Lacombe comes to town.

Lions Club bus will be doing tours of the lights in and around Didsbury (two hours), starting Dec. 9. The bus will leave Victoria Square mall at 7 p.m. and will run as many nights as needed. Book your seat on the bus by phoning Lloyd 507-0208.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Services at Didsbury Churches

Knox United Church - Rev. Nancy Nourse

Sun. Dec. 21
7:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Pageant. Pot luck dessert to follow.

Wed. Dec. 24
5:30 p.m. - Jesus Christmas Party. Young children & families.

7:00 p.m. - Carols and reading worship.
9:00 p.m. - Candlelight & Communion Worship.

Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rev. Bob Mohns

Wed. Dec. 10 7:00 p.m. Midweek evening Advent Service.

Fri. Dec. 19 7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program.

Sun. Dec. 21, Mon. Dec. 22, Tues. Dec. 23 7:45 p.m. Live Nativity
Wed. Dec. 24
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thurs. Dec. 25
10:30 a.m. "Nativity of Our Lord" Service

Chinook Winds Christian Centre Pastoral Team - Richard & Beth Kope

Sun. Dec. 21
6:00 p.m. Christmas Program & Party

Wed. Dec. 31
7:30 p.m. Praise and Prayer Party

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church - Pastor John Lucas

Sun. Dec. 14
7:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program.

Wed. Dec. 24
7:00 p.m. Christmas

Eve Service.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Wed. Dec. 24
8:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the MP Room at the Didsbury Complex.

Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Pastor - Grant Sikstrom

Sun. Dec. 14
5:00 p.m. "Christmas with the Family". All Church Banquet and Fellowship Evening. Contact the church - 335-3629 (tickets).

Wed. Dec. 24
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Berghal Mennonite Church - Pastor Elwin Gar-

land

Sun. Dec. 21
7:00 p.m. Sunday School Children's Program

Tues. Dec. 23
7:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Service, anyone who has experienced a loss is most welcome to attend.

Wed. Dec. 24
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Thurs. Dec. 25
10:30 a.m. Christmas morning Service. Christmas dinner to follow the service.

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church - Rev. Bob Bettson

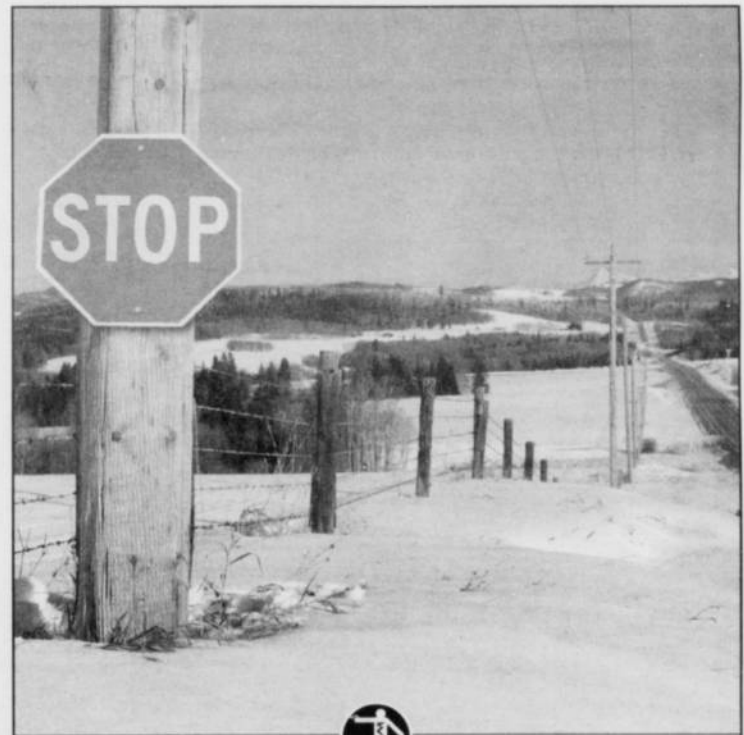
Sun. Dec. 21
10:30 a.m. Communion Service with special music by the children

and youth of the Parish.

Wed. Dec. 24
4:30 p.m. Family Communion with

strings. 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service with strings.
Sun. Dec. 28

10:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols with St. Cyprian's church choir.



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OBITUARY

BARMAN - Arthur Barman, born August 10, 1918 at Shaunavon, Saskatchewan passed away December 4, 2003 at the age of 85 years. Arthur will be lovingly remembered by his wife Vivian; two brothers Eino and Richard; four children - Danny (Darlene), Linda (Carl), Joyce (David), Roddy; four grandchildren - Debbie (Jay), Diane, Teresa (Mark), Robert (Aynsley); and two great grandchildren - Jennifer and Baby Brett. Arthur joined the armed forces in 1940 and had active service in England and Holland. In 1946 he returned to and maintained the family farm until 1960 at which time he moved to Vancouver. There he worked for the Board of Grain Commission for 18 years until he retired and moved to Nelson, B.C. In 1989, he married Vivian and moved to Alberta where they lived in Didsbury and Olds. Arthur's laughter and sense of humor will be greatly missed. His strength of character, his integrity, his warmth endeared him to all he met. His life was an embodiment of all that is taught in what is the basis of what we know as Christianity. A Memorial Service was held Monday, December 8, 2003 at Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Olds at 2:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Donations in Arthur's memory may be made to The Kidney Foundation of Canada (212, 4711 - 51 Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 6H8), the Heart and Stroke Foundation (101, 5208 - 53 Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 5K2), or to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements entrusted to MOUNTAIN VIEW FUNERAL CHAPEL, Olds.

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Christmas Concert

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Blue Christmas Service

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without loved family members or friends who have died. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these make us feel very alone in the midst of celebrating and spending. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone. 7:00 p.m. December 14th at Knox United Church in Didsbury. All are invited to attend. More info 335-8373.

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St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Christmas Eve Mass at 8:00 p.m. at the Complex. Call 335-3633 for further information.

Mountainview Christian Women's Club Breakfast

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Didsbury's Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym. \$5.00 per person. Topic "Where Are You Going?" For reservations call Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765.

Didsbury Youth Justice Committee

Regular monthly meetings are 2nd Thursday of every month at the Didsbury RCMP detachment at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining welcome to attend.

DIDSBURY

Meeting

W.H.O.A.S. - Wild Horses of Alberta Society Annual General Meeting at Olds Library 7 p.m. Dec. 16/03.

Hall Rental

The Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for more info at 335-2270.

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues, Wed., Thurs, 12:30-4:30. Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Dale Weiss at 335-4723 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. Join us for an Asperger's discussion on Tues. Oct. 14 6:30 - 7:30. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets every 2nd Thursday. Once a month.. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

DIDSBURY

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: (Closed for the Summer) the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10:11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

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INFORMATION

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BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Free, confidential walk-in counseling the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 12 - 4 p.m. Phone 335-7285.

OLDS

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Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

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